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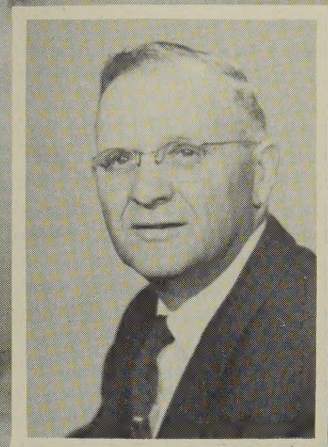
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NEW CHURCH AT MERCED DEDICATED

The church pictured on this month's cover is the new building of the Merced Assembly of God. The structure has been under construction since May, 1953 and it was dedicated for Pentecostal worship on Monday, July 19, 1954. The insert picture is of the pastor, John C. Snyder, under whose able leadership the building has been constructed.

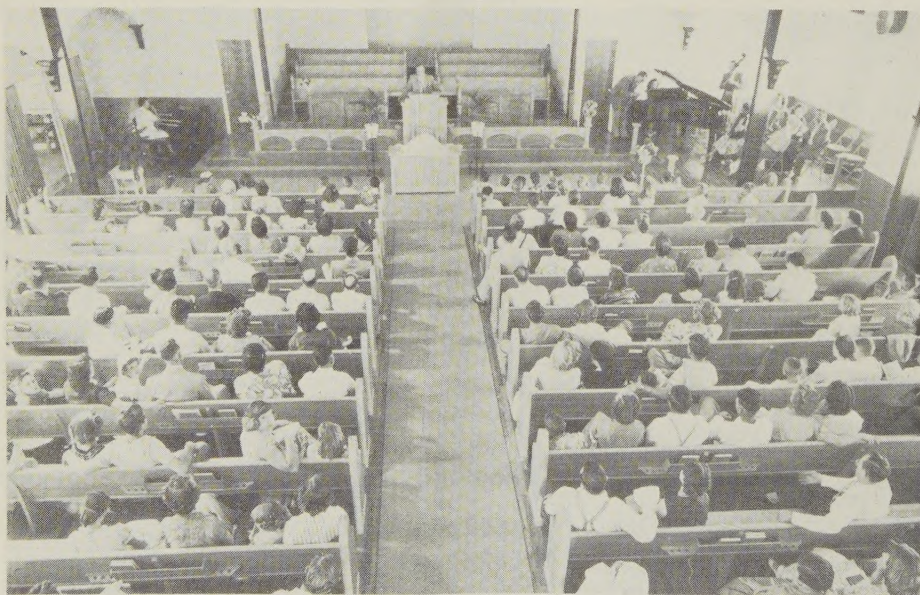
This fine new building has a main auditorium fifty feet by ninety and a spacious educational annex. The total floor space is over eight thousand square feet. The auditorium seats five hundred and the annex includes thirteen Sunday school classrooms. The building also contains two prayer rooms, a kitchen, a large nursery, two offices, and rest rooms. The architectural style is Gothic and the furniture and fixtures are of appropriate matching style. The building and furnishings are valued at \$150,000, but the cash outlay will be much less than this amount because of volunteer labor. It is estimated that the people of Merced contributed labor to the value of \$40,000.

The Merced Assembly traces its beginning to a tent revival in 1932. Following that revival, a Pentecostal mission was established with Brother and Sister H. H. Burgess as the first pastors. In 1933 a building was erected and the congregation moved to its new home. For the next nine years the Assembly continued a slow but

steady growth aided particularly by periodic tent revivals. In 1943 Brother John Schmidt became the pastor and under his ministry there was a building expansion program. The next pastor was Brother T. E. Woods who came in 1947 and ministered until his death. In that time the existing building was further expanded and a start was made upon a program for a new building. The building program idea continued to gain momentum during the ministry of Pastor J. C. Gaither who succeeded Brother Woods.

One of the first tasks assigned to Brother J. C. Snyder when he became pastor in June, 1952, was to further the building program. Brother Snyder immediately went to work raising funds and hunting a new building site. He had a vision for a large, attractive structure that would be a credit to the Gospel and appealing to prospective worshippers. As we have already noted, it was May, 1953, when construction actually began upon this new church.

It is interesting to note that Brother Snyder was formerly a Baptist minister, but after he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit he transferred to the Assemblies of God. He has been ordained since 1929, and he has pastored churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and Iowa. He was responsible for a building program in the Kerman Assembly in this District just before he assumed the pastorate in Merced. When he pas-



The beauty of the new building is evident from this picture of the interior. For this view the photographer stood in the balcony. The furnishings and interior trim are all in lovely oak wood in styling appropriate to the Gothic building.

tored in Iowa Brother Snyder was a District presbyter, and so also here in Northern California he is presbyter of the South San Joaquin Section.

The people of the Merced Assembly of God feel that the hand of the Lord has been miraculously upon them throughout their entire building program. They are deeply grateful to God that they have been able successfully to complete their task. They agree that the hearty enthusiasm and faithful labors of the pastor have done much to assure that the building program might be a success. In this splendid construction program, and in their love to God and their faithfulness to the Gospel, the pastor and people of the Merced Assembly of God are a credit to the city of Merced and to the Northern California and Nevada District of the Assemblies of God.

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A Challenge to the Church

A CHALLENGE to the CHURCH today
Divested of her power;
Stir up the Gift that is within thee"
For this is Destiny's hour.

To those who are at ease in Zion,
God hath pronounced a woe;
So buckle on the Gospel armour
And prepare to meet the foe.

Behold, — Its minutes to mid-night,
And the hour is growing late;
The stage is set for Armageddon
Awake oh Church of God, awake.

The clock of the Ages tolls the hour,
The time cannot be long;
The DIAL is the wandering JEW,
And soon we'll hear the gong.

Fulfilling Bible prophecy,
In this last hour of TIME,
Are the people we call Israel
Returning to Palestine.

No more without a Home-land
Their flag is set on high;
O'er land and sea it's waving now
Beneath a vaulted sky.

For twenty five long centuries,
On many a foreign strand,
Three times a day the Jew has prayed
For his lost Promised Land.

God cannot break His covenant,
So by His power Divine,
HE hath reserved for Israel
The wealth of Palestine.

Though greedy hoards from out the north
Shall come to take the spoil;
God's purpose for His people then
The devil cannot foil.

The armies from the south shall come
From near the river Nile;
And with them is the Man of Sin
He's slipping in by guile.

Before their minds could comprehend
That he is called the BEAST;
God dries the great Euphrates
And brings those armies from the East.

Their fighting is confusion now,
God intervenes again;
Each man's sword against his brother,
Till but one-sixth of them remain.

This is the time of Jacob's trouble,
Such as was never known;
God remembers now HIS covenant
And hides away His own.

Until the indignation shall
Be truly overpast;
The curtain falls upon this scene
And rises for the last.

The final conflict of the AGES,
When JESUS takes the throne,
To judge the nations one by one
To separate HIS own.

The land which previously was cleansed
Of all that had been slain,
Is now prepared for CHRIST the KING,
And HIS MILLENNIAL REIGN.

Awake oh Zion break off the bands
That rob thee of thy power;
"Stir up the GIFT that is within thee"
For this is Destiny's hour.

LILLIE BUFFUM.

A Medley in 7

A Feather-brained Fellow, Frisky and Free,
Feeling quite Funny and Footloose was he;
Forced his Fond Father to Furnish his Fare,
And Fork o'er his Farthings and give him
his share.

Then he Far Away to Foreign Fields Flew,
And Frittered his Fortune with Friends
not a Few.
Fleeced by his Fellows in Folly he Found
Himself a Feed Flinger Flitting around.

A Filthy Farmyard. Fairly Famishing he
This Frazzeled young Fugitive, Frail as
could be
Fain would have Filled his Faltering Frame



Lillie Buffum, who is pictured above is a frequent contributor of poetry to *Glad Tidings Magazine*. Although she has passed her seventy-ninth birthday she is still active in ministering her "poetic sermons." She is known far and wide throughout our District and elsewhere and she often appears on programs at Camp Meetings or Conventions.

The late husband of our Sister Buf-

With Fragments of Fodder, Forgetful of Fame.

Frankly this Fellow Facing Facts as they are
His old Father's Flunkies, Fared Fancier Far.

Frustrated by Failure this Fugitive Flew
Forthwith to his Family and Fervently said,

"My Father I've Flunked and Forfeited too
Fine Family Favors, Forever that's true."
The Faithful Fond Father, Forstalling then
All Further Flinching, so Flagging his men:

They Fetched Forth the Fattling and
Fitted a ring
And Fixed a Fat Feast, that was Fit for
a king.

His Fault-Finding Frater, as music rose
higher
Found Fussing was Futile, his Fury
Flashed Fire.

But the Farsighted Father, his Face it did
shine,
Such Filial Fidelity, he Figured was Fine.
Then Fervent Festivities through hall did
resound

"Let Flags be unfurled, the lost has been
Found!

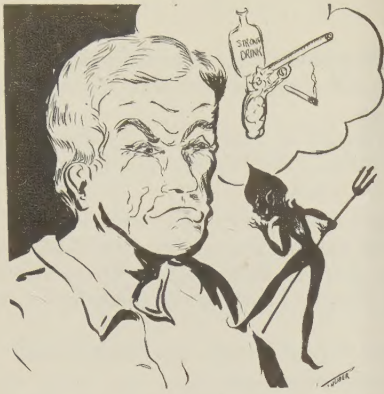
With Fanfares Flaring, let Fun Freely Flow,
Failure and Folly is Forgotten." And so
He Finds a Fair Footing on a Firm
Foundation;
Forgiveness of Father Fixes Future
SALVATION.

LILLIE BUFUM.

fum had no doubt set her an example in writing for he was the author of such lovely Gospel hymn favorites as: *My Sheep Know My Voice, I'm Going Through, Lift Me Up Above The Shadows, When I Take My Vacation In Heaven*, and many others. However, Sister Buffum seems to have developed her own ministry for she did not begin to write until about a year before her husband's death. At that time she was already past sixty.

The Lord has given Sister Buffum remarkable talent for putting the "Bible In Rhyme," as she likes to express it, and also the ability to carry a great many poems in her memory. People are always blessed when she preaches in poetry. She continues to spend a good deal of time travelling and presenting entire sermons, some of nearly an hour's duration, in Gospel poetry. She usually visits an assembly either for one night or for a single service. Her home is in Stockton, California, at 131 E. Flora Street.

The two poems on this page were selected from among her many works and by their divergent styles are intended to show the versatility of her talent.



Man prompted to evil by imp!

Our Strong Enemies and Our Almighty Friend

By W. T. GASTON

There is a subterranean source of malicious mischief
— the mystery of iniquity.

In a former treatise which was christened "Mid-Century Mediations," I referred to the fierce opposition and persecution that was visited upon the pioneers of the Full Gospel Movement through the early years of its short history. In this paper I will endeavor to trace the causes for this attitude of beligerence and to examine in some detail the "out-of-this-world" powers at work in the world and in the militant spiritual organism—the Church of Christ.

All the blessings in the family of the twice-born and all the troubles of a restless, sin-sick world may be traced directly or indirectly, to unseen sources of good or evil. Christian logic and Bible precedent would lead us to pay more attention to this fundamental Christian doctrine. But I need not remind you of the growing disdain for sobering, searching truth. Present day worshippers of intellect prefer to think of the devil or any evil force as a relic of the dark ages. The form of religion most acceptable in these circles is the kind that ascribes all credit to ascending nature, neither knowing nor caring about personalities of good or evil. Because of this wide-spread naturalism even this simple effort to go beyond the beaten paths of semi-religious thought may produce varied reactions. May I beseech you, therefore, to pursue these meditations to the very end, even though they may prove shocking at times.

It is indeed a sad thing when people reject light and become resentful and rebellious. These hardened attitudes form barriers that cause many who are strangely moved to follow in the paths of grace and truth, to turn aside. Unfriendly reactions to a Spirit indicted Gospel will not surprise or discourage those who are blessed with spiritual understanding.

Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of any spiritual crusade to so interpret Christ and to so walk in wisdom toward them that are without, that misunderstanding shall be reduced to the lowest possible level and that all enemies of the truth, whether passive or active, may have the fairest possible chance, to recover themselves from nature's darkness, or from religious bias, or from the spirit and power of the old adversary of Christ and His Church—the devil.

Resistance to God and His truth, first, last, and always is of one piece. It may vary in direction and intensity but its sources and its objectives are the same. Is it not important, therefore, that we correctly evaluate the forces that operate in the world to give light and character to life or, to darken and degrade it? What are the principles that operate in the realm of faith and spiritual experience, and from whence come the antagonisms that have stained the pages of religious history?

We have heard much of late about "one world" — an ideal with a strong appeal. The discouraging feature about this intriguing philosophy is this: it does violence to the facts of history and prophecy. The vision does not stem from the revealed wisdom of God but from the wisdom of this world which cometh to naught. Students of the "lively oracles" know assuredly that this world of sentient beings will never realize the dream of unity until the kingdoms of this world shall have been broken to pieces, and the knowledge of the glory of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Until then, this is and will be a divided world. Iron curtains, bamboo curtains, curtains of ignorance, and racial and religious bigotries, will continue to multiply their problems and to harass and plague one another.

Those who would pacify and rec-

oncile the clashing segments of world disorder, seem unaware of the obstinate, sinister forces that have caused succeeding generations of bewildered and maladjusted peoples to be hateful, and to hate one another. Man's inhumanity to man does not stem altogether from human frailty. There is a subterranean source of malicious mischief—the mystery of iniquity; and here is the answer to the mystifying confusions and the inhuman brutality of these perilous times. The old destroyer has never been tamed. In fact, he will be more devilish as the age draws to a close. "Having great wrath because he knoweth that he has but a short time." Yet polite, pagan society goes merrily on, preaching peace and building bombs, in abysmal ignorance of the demoralizing minions of the nether world, that are working overtime to ripen a Christ-rejecting, self-sufficient age for its final judgment.

The word "division" has fallen into disrepute and for good reason. It is usually connected with carnal, factional disputations. We should not forget, however, that this overworked word has salutary and even Divine associations. Contrary to much that is generally believed, our Lord did not come from the most excellent glory, to harmonize the discordant elements in the world conspiracy against God. "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, nay; but rather division; for, from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided three against two, two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the Mother against the daughter and the daughter against the mother; the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and the daughter-in-law against the mother-in-law."

Matthew adds, "And a man's foes shall be they of his own household." This can mean nothing less than definite and inflexible cleavage. The Christian path consistently followed will certainly lead to separation from this evil world. In the following lines the Apostle to the Gentiles points to the wide gulf that lies between. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness and what concord hath Christ with Belial and what part hath He that believeth with an infidel?"

This cleavage in human society is basic, clear-cut, and utterly beyond the ingenuity of men to reconcile. It is fixed because of the moral and spiritual incompatability that exists between the forces that operate to bring light to creatures in darkness and deliverance and life to sin-ridden subjects of death, and the infernal principalities and powers, that operate with Satanic cunning to deceive, degrade, and destroy.

Perhaps we should linger here to consider a few examples from his country and his kindred. When Jehovah would have a new nation. He separated Abram from his country and his kindred. When He would plant the nation in the land of His choice, He separated His chosen from Egypt. When our Lord Jesus would form a new body to be known as His Church, He called them out of the world and promised them the world's continuing enmity. So it was, so it is, and so it should be. Believers differ essentially from unbelievers. There is no meeting place for carnality and spirituality. Neither could anyone with any smattering of understanding, imagine a common bond that would yoke together those who

are dead in trespasses and sins and those who are alive to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Shall we think now of the widely separated spheres in which men of the world and those who are called out of it, live and move in their search for fellowship and satisfaction. We will look first at "the rulers of the darkness of this world" and "the kingdom of darkness." In this benighted atmosphere, men are in bondage under a tyrannical despotism, invisible, but powerful. The chief taskmaster in this world system of bondage is none other than "the Prince of the power of the air, the Spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." This is not a pretty picture but it is true to the Scriptures.

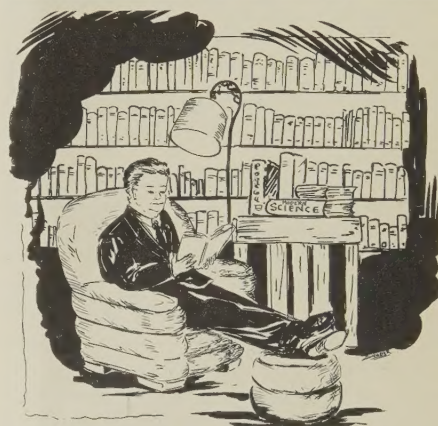
May I call attention to the two main features of the strategy employed in this real "underworld" warfare. It was Peter that pictured the old adversary, the Devil, in language reminiscent of the jungle—"As a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." World communism seems to have borrowed this rough and frightening maneuver German warlords also "adopted" the idea when they built horrifying sounds into their buzz-bombs. The sinister old enemy of decency in men and nations is still active as a blustering bluffer.

Our benevolent God would not have us forget another false face of this arch-enemy—"the wiles of the devil." He is a past grandmaster in the arena of pious religiosity, transforming himself into "an angel of light." Either of these stratagems is too much for unaided and unarmored flesh. The Bible affirms and human experience confirms that slavery to sin and satan is a terrible reality. Yet, all the while, this is unreal to those who are under sin's seductive snare. Men today are like the Jews to whom the Master offered "freedom." They said, "We be Abraham's seed and we're never in bondage to any man." Yes, my friends, it is a positive, Scriptural demonstrable fact, that Jews and Gentiles are all under sin. To the whole world the Gospel must be preached with the convicting power of the Holy Ghost, "to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God."

How dismal and awful is the plight of this lost world. Widespread efforts to distract attention from stern realities by those who preach pleasant platitudes and cry "Peace, peace," when there is no peace . . . is just another indication that the latter

days' cup of iniquity is almost to the brim.

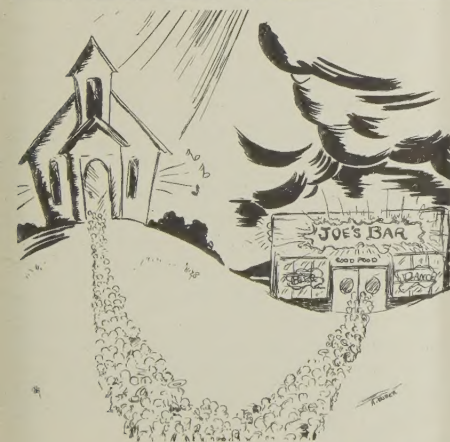
Turning in the other direction, we are dazzled by the happy contrast. "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." Christians are those who have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light. As sons of God they are "lead by the Spirit of God" and "kept by the power of God." It is God that works in them "both to will and to do of His own good pleasure." Having tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come, is it any wonder if they lose their taste for the spicy revellings in the camp of God's enemies? Their "fellowship is with the Father, and with His son, Jesus Christ." This is high above the best in creature fellowship as the Heavens are higher than the earth. Because of this detachment Christians may miss bor-



Refined people may still be wholly in the dark concerning spiritual verities.

derline pleasures, but this will be more than compensated for, in the distinctive, transcendent joys that have never been tapped or even imagined by the princes of this world. Alliances or courtships between these diverging ways of life are unnatural and unsafe. Any fawning attentions paid to a spiritual organism called "the Church" and "bride of Christ," by flesh-exalting, world-loving men, has its undercover agents seeking to entangle her blushing innocence again, with the yoke of bondage.

I am conscious here of being out of step with what passes as the "highest scholarship" when I insist that refined people may still be wholly in the dark concerning these spiritual verities. It would seem that the great mass of intellectuals who have endeavored through long and arduous efforts to save the world by cultural processes, would be dis-



Cleavage in human society is basic, clear-cut, and utterly beyond the ingenuity of men to reconcile.

First Century Christianity

by

Pastor Irving F. Ford



It is a fascinating and revealing experience to go back to the early days of the church and look in upon the activities of the first century Christians. They were in such close touch with the Lord that in many ways their lives reflected more of God's pattern for His church than the lives of later Christians.

The first century Christians were joyful Christians. This fact was in itself a miracle because they lived under most adverse circumstances. The heavy heel of Rome was constantly grinding them down under unspeakable oppression, yet in spite of it all — and perhaps partly *because* of it too — they were filled with the joy of the Lord.

This wonderful spirit of triumph in their lives baffled and maddened and convicted and convinced the world of that day and the church grew with leaps and bounds. We can certainly say that the "blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church" — and we can also rightly add that their joy in the face of suffering and persecution played a large part in the growth of the early church.

The first century Christians were generous Christians. Real salvation issues forth in service — *always*. Let's take a look at their generosity. It was spontaneous. Spirit-filled Christians do not need to be urged to give. Rather, sometimes, they need to be toned down a bit as in the case of Paul with the Macedonian believers. *Then* their generosity was large in spite of poverty — deep poverty. It is a sad reflection on the Christians of this twentieth century that proportionate giving decreases with prosperity. And *their* generosity was based upon a living faith in God to provide. They could well give their last denarius to the Lord in full confidence that God would provide another to take its place.

An interesting side-light on giving is to be found in Paul's letter to the church at Corinth where he tells them that "*God loveth a cheerful giver.*" The word "cheerful" is the Greek word "hilarious" which is a much stronger word. Objections might be raised to Pentecostal believers getting somewhat noisy in church. However, here is one place where even the most sedate Christians must recognize that

some "hilarity" is in order during the offering.

The first century Christians believed in holiness. This is a word which Christians today seem to shun a good deal, perhaps because they do not know its real meaning. Holiness is not a "holier than thou" attitude, nor a false pride in being so good nor a high measure of self-esteem. Holiness is a word which suggests a person who is "whole" with a complete and well-rounded personality whose norm of being is in God. The Romans of that day talked about a *mens sana in corpore sano*, a "sound mind in a sound body." What they left out was a sound spiritual experience. The Christians, however, with spirit, soul and body in tune with God through much prayer and study of the word were "holy" or "wholly," depending upon how the word is spelled.

And then the first century Christians were people of power. In reading the New Testament one is certainly impressed with the marvelous results in their ministry. They rejoiced much; they gave much; they prayed and believed and lived in earnest and God blessed their much with great power.

One final word about those first century believers. In spite of their successes they had their weaknesses too. In the historic meeting at Jerusalem in Acts 15 they had "*no small dissension*" and "*much disputing*;" Paul and Silas broke ranks over Barnabas; Paul withstood Peter to the face at Antioch; the "First Assemblies of God" congregation at Corinth had fifteen specific sins listed against them including a three-way split (twentieth century splits are numerous enough, but are usually only two-way,) unbridled licentiousness, abuse of the gifts, drunkenness at the Lord's supper (I do not recall having seen that happen in this century), and a denial of the resurrection. Surely the Lord did not include these defects in the early church to discourage us, but no doubt to encourage us to believe that we in this century can press on past the vexing problems of today into the place of power as reflected in the lives of the first century Christians.



BETHANY PARK
CAMP LEADERS

It was an unusually fine camp meeting at Bethany Park this year. Pictured above are (left to right): W. A. Brown, W. T. Gaston, C. C. Burnett, and J. L. Gerhart. We asked Brother L. A. Lawrence to record his reactions to Camp. He wrote: "After dining on sumptuous meals in the Camp Cafeteria, we proceed to feast again and again on the bountiful spiritual meals served by those choice ministers who daily break bread the Bread of Life. Under the ministries of Brother Brown and Brother Burnett and other Spirit anointed ministers our spirits have been both humbled and uplifted, chastened and encouraged. God has met the penitent and hungry hearts in saving, filling, and refilling, and not a day has passed without God's confirming His Word as in apostolic days with signs following."

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TEN HIGHEST ASSEMBLIES IN TOTAL GIVING
FIRST & SECOND QUARTERS, 1954

	G.T.B.I. Beds	G.T.B.I. Bethany Park	S.S.	H.M.	D.O.	C.E.F.	Total
Turlock, Bethel Temple	\$1,020.00	\$1,300.00		\$2,660.00		\$110.85	\$5,090.85
Sacramento, Bethel	170.00	300.00	278.74	112.50			861.24
Oakland, First	25.00	150.00		360.00			595.00
Stockton, Calvary	85.00	165.00	60.00	53.88	25.00	77.00	465.88
Hayward, Bethel		231.28		71.48		154.20	456.96
Modesto, Bethel	170.00	25.00				244.00	439.00
San Francisco, G. T.			15.00	321.71			336.71
Atwater		75.00	52.06	180.96			308.02
Berkeley		74.00	24.00	166.27		8.00	272.27
Oakland, Calvary	85.00	150.00	25.00				260.00

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	G.T.B.I. Beds	G.T.B.I. Bethany Park	S.S.	H.M.	C.E.F.	Total
Turlock, Bethel	\$ 4.72	\$6.15		\$12.30	\$.50	\$23.67
Santa Cruz, Bethel	14.29			.14		14.43
Boyes Springs	2.52	3.55	\$2.49	1.83		10.39
Gustine		3.00	2.25	3.72		8.97
Guerneville		3.66		4.46	.44	8.56
Alturas		.22	.69	6.30		7.21
Hayward		3.47		1.04	2.41	6.92
Berkeley		1.48	.48	3.37	.16	5.49
Auburn	2.24			2.03	.53	4.80
Placerville		1.33	.67	1.94	.56	4.50

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WITH THE LORD

There have been two recent deaths among the ranks of our District ministers.

On June 21, Dora F. Pennell, a licensed minister residing at Fort Dick, California, passed to be with the Lord. She had held papers since about 1914 and had been in part responsible for the establishment of a community church in Fort Dick. She was 79 at the time of her death and not actively engaged in Gospel work but for a good part of her lifetime she had given of her energies in Christian service. Surviving are a number of children and grandchildren to whom we extend prayerful sympathies.

On June 23, Ruth S. Dodson, the wife of Pastor Leonard A. Dodson of Rio Linda, also went to her eternal reward. She was 66 and had shared the full time ministry with her husband since 1927. During the years Brother Dodson and she pastored in ten cities in this District. Sister Dodson always took an active part in the ministry by teaching Sunday school, praying for the sick, and promoting missions. It is Brother Dodson's conviction that she should be credited with a large share of his achievements in the ministry. The funeral was in Sacramento's Bethel Temple and many gathered to pay their last respects and to pray divine comfort upon the bereaved.

The G. T. B. I. bed fund received a considerable boost at Camp Meeting. A total of \$2609.04 was either pledged or given in cash for this purpose.



The Ministers Institute at Bethany Park was well attended and it proved a blessing to many of our workers. Brothers Brown and Burnett were the main speakers, but there were many times of open forum when

there was free discussion from the floor. In this picture, Brother Brown and Brother Gaston may be seen in the front row.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS



Max Rondoni (left), the author of the article below, receives advice from Ray Lockwood (center) concerning the one-eight program. Kelsey Prinzing (right) looks on with obvious deep interest.

The Challenge Of One - Eight

By Max Rondoni

Almost every Christ's Ambassador group across the nation is at present vitally active. The One-Eight Crusade is providing a unique stimulus to Christian service. "Hi Neighbor" has become a byword with C. A.'s. Many feel that the Crusade is the finest and most aggressive move ever made by the National C. A. Department. It is our earnest prayer that the Crusade not be mere promotion nor just propaganda for the Assemblies of God, but a sincere, Christ-impelled effort to win perishing souls.

Let us examine the Crusade text: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The object of receiving power is that we might become witnesses. But, becoming witnesses is irrevocably contingent upon the endowment with power. The fact that God would give us this power to become witnesses is a testimony to His concern for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now merely passing out tracts serves to propagate the Gospel, but we cannot ignore the person of the tract-passer for his or her life may either

help or hinder the effect of the tracts.

The point that I would like to emphasize is that there are qualifications to being a witness of Jesus Christ. The first, already mentioned, is the endowment with power which is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. In addition, we must maintain this power by a daily consecrated walk with God. Prayer is essential! The Psalmist wrote, "*Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee.*" We have to hide a portion of God's Word in our heart every day. We, as soul winners should know what is between the covers of our Bible. No soul winner should be shackled by ignorance of the Word of God.

There is something in addition to the endowment with power and prayer. Also we must work! God's commandment is to "*love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.*" Not only does this Scripture include the entire human being of body, soul, and spirit, but it also states the extent of our expression of love. ALL! If we work with all our strength we will surely see results.

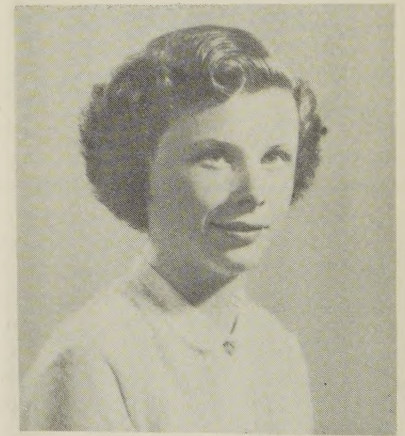
Your District Christ's Ambassador Department is aware of the challenge

presented by the One-Eight Crusade. To enable our C. A.'s more adequately to meet the challenge we are at present preparing a soul winner's course. This course will help us to use tracts more capably and inform us of procedures in following up and personally supplementing tract distribution. Brother Lockwood has appointed Kelsey Prinzing and I to be a team to visit C. A. groups and present this course as an informative and inspirational C. A. service. We will be available any time through the fall season. The program will include a puppet performance which will depict methods and situations in soul winning.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Brothers Max Rondoni and Kelsey Prinzing are students at Bethany Bible College and very capable and spiritually earnest young men. We sincerely recommend their ministry on behalf of one-eight. If you would like them for a C. A. service in your church please contact the C. A. Department. We believe they will be a real blessing to you.

HI THERE!



Hello there fellow C. A.'s! I have enjoyed reading the "Get Acquainted" column, and would like to be one of the many to get acquainted with you.

I am in the ninth grade. I was saved at the age of six, while in the second grade, and was baptised in water at the age of nine. I have travelled with my parents in meetings throughout the District.

Our family is to be leaving soon for Manila in the Philippines to work with the Far East Broadcasting Company. In the future, I want to follow the Lord wherever He may lead and completely yield my life to Him.

Kay Kaufman.

C. A. Chit-Chat

Here we are again C. A.'s with our third Chit-Chat column. The cooperation this month has been great, and we know that as you continue to show such fine interest this column will get better and better.

From GUSTINE President Clarice Brown reports that her group is sending the last offering of each month to *Revivaltime*. Also, a special young people's service recently was held with District C. A. President, Ray Lockwood, speaking.

A business meeting and banquet have been the recent special events in SALINAS. Results of the election were: Harold Gilmen, President; Ray Poe, Vice-President; Wanda Jones, Secretary; and Pat Jones, Treasurer. The *Gospelaires* from Fresno were featured guests at the banquet.

TULELAKE reporter, June Rodgers, writes that this group won the banner at a recent Shasta Section C. A. Rally. These C. A.'s have also recently held an election. The new officers are: Delbert Buell, President; Hubert Aldinger, "Veep;" Evelyn Cook, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Christ's Ambassadors from REDDING send in a report which we are very happy to receive. President Irene Streight says that several new young men have recently found Christ as their Saviour. She also says that they appreciate this column and we're always glad to hear that!

The C. A.'s from ALTURAS have pledged twenty-five dollars to the camp ground at Mineral, and fifteen dollars to Bethany Bible College for student expenses. Also they have elected new officers at their semi-annual business meeting. Here are Jeanne Dewitt, Secretary; Gwen the results: Billy Smith, President; Blanco, Treasurer; and June Gaddy, Reporter.

OLIVEHURST has been setting the pace in the Capitol Section C. A. Rallies. So far this year they have won four out of six times and they therefore are well on the way to winning the plaque. This award goes to the group which wins the banner the most times in a year. Upon the resignation of President F. A. Murphy, Cleo Leadbetter has assumed the office.

Remember C. A.'s we want news of ALL the groups. Get yours in IMMEDIATELY. All news should be sent to Don Sturgeon, 1443 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

Outstanding C. A. Rally in Contra Costa Section

By William Vickery, Chairman

We are happy to report victory among the C. A.'s of the Contra Costa Section. At our Sectional Rally in May we put our shoulders to the wheel for a special effort in three main directions. First we desired greater success in evangelism, second we desired to be of greater financial assistance in our District C. A. program, and third we desired to have a rally with a larger number in attendance. We are happy to be able to report success on all three counts and we ascribe it to the grace and mercies of our Lord. Between five and six hundred packed out the auditorium of the Assembly of God Tabernacle in Antioch for the occasion and from the opening chorus the presence of the Lord that brings us victory could be sensed.

We were privileged to have the mixed chorus from Bethel Temple in Sacramento to sing for us. The director is Brother Joe Prettyman. Every song seemed to lift us just a little higher into the presence of the Lord. At the conclusion of their anointed singing it was our pleasure to receive an offering for the support of our District C. A. program. This offering amounted to \$165.00. Then came the climaxing message by Brother Clyde Henson. There was a mighty moving of the convicting power of the Holy Spirit that brought young and old alike to their knees at the altar and

many wept before God in repentance and contrition.

As Chairman of the Section I want to thank God for the sense of duty that gripped the heart of every C. A. that helped to make this rally a success. I am indeed grateful for a group of C. A.'s who are willing to give themselves in an effort for the glory of God. And likewise, I am thankful to God for adding His blessing and anointing to the efforts of us all and "giving to us the victory again and again."

Fellow C. A.

if you hurry you may
still make it

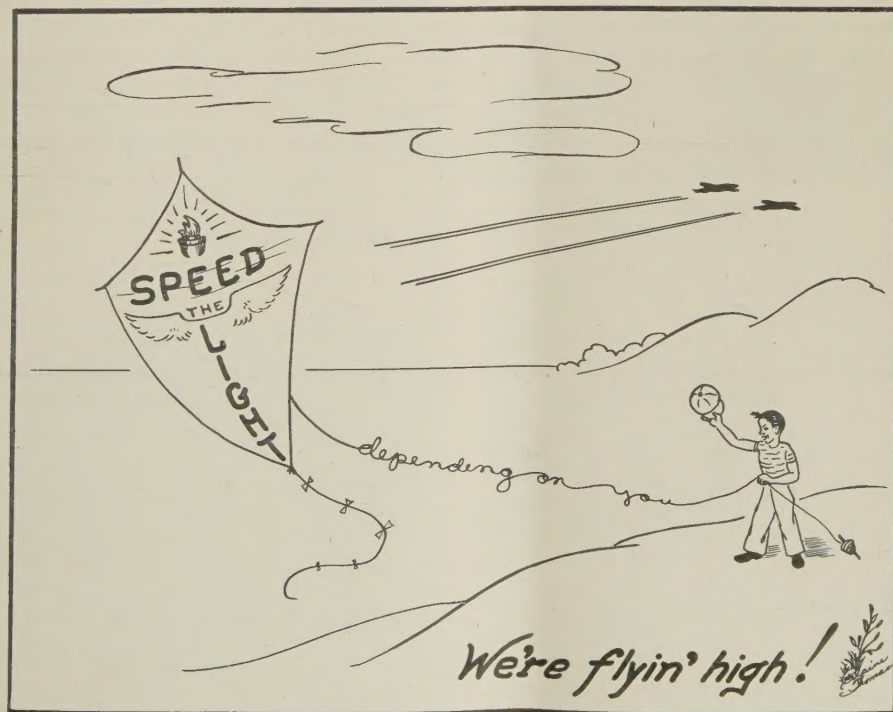
C. A. Camp

AUGUST 2-7, 1954

at beautiful Bethany Park

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JERRY FRY, Evangelist
PAUL KAUFMANN, Teacher
RAY LOCKWOOD, Director



SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



This lovely group is the staff and pupils of the Daily Vacation Bible School conducted at Santa Rosa. In charge were Ken and Melba Roper and Al Wyrick. The enrollment in this school reached 172, and there was a total of 26 teachers and helpers. The Ropers are in the front rows and are indicated by arrows, Al Wyrick is at the back and also indicated by arrow.

Fall Enlargement Campaign Planned

ONLY FOUR MORE MONTHS UNTIL THE ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN WITH THE SLOGAN, "SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR YOU."

In four weeks new alert churches all over the nation will begin planning for this campaign on the leadership level. In the August Worker's Conference the entire staff of workers will be informed and consulted about the campaign. September will be a great enlistment month and new workers will be secured to lend their efforts in the Enlargement Campaign. During this month, the whole church will be hearing of the special activities planned for October Enlargement Month. This schedule is the most advisable, however, it is possible that there will be a deviation from this plan in various churches. Because we want to encourage advanced planning it would be well to begin this promotion of the Enlargement Campaign as soon as possible.

The over all theme is "Sunday School Is For You" and the Sunday by Sunday emphases are as follows:

October 3 — Rally Day.

(Sunday School is for the Entire Family).

October 10 — Men.

October 17 — Women.

October 24 — Boys.

October 31 — Girls.

Besides the new theme for Enlargement Month, there will be other added attractions to this year's campaign. All kinds of new materials are being prepared for your use and the use of pastors, superintendents, visitation workers, and for those who help to promote the campaign. This material and further information will be relayed to you soon.

In articles and other materials soon to be released to the general constituency, there will be several new suggestions for features during the Enlargement Campaign. Among these will be the thought of conducting a training class at the close of the campaign, to help teach new converts. The suggested book is *Life and Teachings of Christ*. It will be suggested that a evangelistic campaign be enlisted in conjunction with the Enlargement Campaign, perhaps on the last two weeks of October.

We would like to suggest that you begin planning and organizing early for a successful Enlargement Campaign in your church.

Watch This Column

Average attendance for the month of June:

1. Sacramento, Bethel Temple	849
2. Redwood City	418
3. Turlock	415
4. Hayward	407
5. Vallejo	365
6. Oroville, First Assembly	223
7. Roseville	214
8. Madera	186
9. Eureka	177
10. Merced	173
11. Cupertino, Monte Vista	144
12. Biggs	124
13. Chico, First	130
14. Biola	93
15. Colusa	91
16. Stirling City	82
17. Willows	79
18. Fortuna	75
19. Orland, First	50
20. Tehama	46
21. Chico, Pleasant Valley	35
22. Oroville, Honcut	31
23. Orland, Capay	23

Listed below is the school with the highest percentage of increase for the month of June over the average attendance for May for each section.

	June	Increase
Sacramento Valley Section		
Biggs	124	10.71%
Capitol Section		
Colusa	91	9.64%
South San Joaquin Section		
Biola	93	8.14%

NOTE: Send your average attendance for the preceeding month and the month just finished to the Sunday School Department, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California, immediately following the last Sunday of each month so we can print it in this column.

Bursting Our Seams

"We're bursting our seams. If we grow anymore we'll have to knock out the walls."

Um . . . this sounds interesting, let's look into this.

"Is it worth it," many have wondered. Let us look into this further yet and find out if it is worth it.

These are some of the remarks coming back to us from our Vacation Bible School Teams.

"Twelve came to the altar, many really prayed through."

"The altar was completely full when the altar call was made."

"Had Decision Day and fifteen boys and girls were at the altar."

"Five decisions were made today, the decision to live for Christ."

One of these boys and girls that made these decisions could have been your son or your daughter and they have made the decision to live for Christ. I ask you, "Is it worth it" to send these Vacation Bible School Teams out to win boys and girls to Christ?

MISSIONS: Home and Foreign



People streaming forward to present their offerings at the close of the Bethany Park Missionary Rally. The new automobile that had been presented to Brother Franklin was used as the offering receptacle. The total amount given was \$1,270.21. This sum constituted a record camp meeting missionary offering.

A Camp Meeting Highlight . . .

The Missionary Rally

Reported by W. Cornish Jones

An outstanding highlight in the Bethany Park Camp Meeting came on the last afternoon. It was the Missionary Rally with representatives of about twelve mission fields, dressed in national costumes, presenting a ringing challenge for the cause of world missions.

A great surge of broken emotions swept over the congregation as the beginning of the service when W. W. Simpson, veteran missionary to China, in the opening prayer poured forth the cry of his soul for the unreached millions in foreign lands. Missionary songs of inspiration and consecration were beautifully rendered by the Riley Kaufmans, Violet Pipkin, and David Dillingham. Three of the missionaries, Joseph Nilsen, Robert Renfro, and John Franklin, each presented a brief message of challenge for missions in general. How hearts were stirred and souls moved to respond by these convincing and convicting appeals for vision, intercession, and service!

A thrilling feature of the service

was the manner in which God moved upon the congregation to give. Pastor Kermit Jeffery of San Jose interviewed the various missionaries. Each was asked for a brief comment concerning his field of labor, the costume worn, and the needs he still faced before having sufficient funds for his support. Reverend K. M. Haystead, District Missionary Secretary, distributed monthly support pledges



Brother and Sister R. J. Renfro being interviewed by District Missionary Secretary, K. M. Haystead.

throughout the congregation and encouraged each one to let God direct them in what to pledge. The congregation, as well as the missionaries, rejoiced as these slips were brought forward. A total of \$562.00 per month was pledged. As these pledges are faithfully paid in the months and years ahead they will amount to many thousands of dollars.

The grand climax came when Reverend Joseph L. Gerhart drove a Chevrolet Handyman down the aisle of the tabernacle. After a pause it was announced that the vehicle was a gift from Pastor Roy Whitt of Vallejo and it was to be presented to the John Franklins, missionaries to Guatemala. Brother Haystead then called for a consecration to God for giving and the entire congregation marched forward with their offerings and placed them in the car. A total of \$1,270.21 was received! This sum constitutes a record camp meeting missionary offering. Eternity alone will reveal the results wrought in hearts and souls as the result of this glorious service.



A cheery letter from D. Eileen Edwards reports her ministry during the past year in the Southern Asia Bible Institute of India. Sister Edwards writes, "We have approximately fifty young people in the school, all eager and keen to prepare themselves for the ministry. It is indeed a joy to teach them." Sister Edwards reports that the Lord is keeping her in good health and that she is frequently conscious of the faithful prayers of those at home.

From WILLIARD and CHRISTINE PEIRCE, now in Europe, comes word:

♦ They have had meetings in Salisbury, England; Cardiff, Wales; and Stuttgart, Germany.

HERE AND THERE



This group is a sacred vocal ensemble which has recently been ministering in several of our assemblies in the Coast Counties and Peninsula Sections. The director and organizer is George Sondeno of 205 Hacienda Drive, Route 1, Santa Cruz. The ensemble is unusually competent and versatile, and in addition to choral numbers it offers vocal solos, duets, and quartettes and instrumental solos and duets. Pictured are (back row left to right): George Sondeno, Director; John Flower, Stan Scott, Harvey Clark. (front row left to right): Joy Sondeno, Dorothy Wagner, Dorothy Clark, Lois Cummings, Pianist, Aileen Mitchell, and Jean Scott.

BIGGS — This Assembly held a mortgage burning ceremony on Sunday, July 4th. Plans are now being made to build an educational annex to house the growing Sunday school. The pastor is Ray Oliver.

COLUSA — The Colusa Assembly has been touched by the powerful presence of the Lord throughout the ministry of Eddie and Ruth Washington. During the two week's meetings there were many reconsecrations to the Lord, four came for salvation, one received the Baptism in the Spirit and many others earnestly sought to be filled. The entire congregation was stirred and the unsaved felt strong conviction of sin. Attendance throughout the meetings was splendid. The Pastor is R. A. Wilson Jr.

DALY CITY — Pastor W. P. Rutledge reports a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Silas Jones. Brother Rutledge declares, "Floods of refreshings from the presence of the Lord came upon us every night. hearts did not rejoice in this 'present' Pentecost. There was not a single night in which our tectostal blessing."

CONCORD — We have received notice of a Contra Costa Union Tent Revival being held in this area from July 17 through

August 7. Pastor R. A. Work of Concord is the chairman of this revival effort. The tent is located on Highway 4 at the intersection with the Port Chicago Highway, three miles north of Concord. The evangelist is Wilbur R. Oglvie. There are services each night except Sunday.

HERLONG — Recently elected Pastor B. H. Givens reports a special ten-day children's revival during the month of June. Out of an average attendance of 87 some 58 accepted the Lord as their Saviour. On the last day of the meetings there were 113 boys and girls present. The pastor and the ladies of the Assembly who assisted were impressed that the project achieved an abiding work for God.

KEYES — Pastor Philip Stewart reports a wonderful revival meeting with Evangelists Bud Chambers and Otho Allen from the Oklahoma District. Twenty were saved and the Sunday school attendance reached 264.

HOLLISTER — Pastor James C. Merwin reports the following news of this Assembly: 1) A revival with Evangelist Bob Bloom resulting in some saved and general blessings, 2) A stir in the church from the

ministry of Jess Pedigo, Missionary to Japan, 3) The completion of the remodelling of the interior of the church and the planting of shrubbery round about the outside.

KERMAN — Pastor T. E. Fourt of the Grace and Truth Assembly of God reports "On June thirtieth Evangelist and Mrs. Jerry Fry completed a two weeks' campaign with us. We are happy to say that the blessing of God was remarkable as night after night we heard the anointed preaching of Evangelist Fry. There were three saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost and three were baptised in water."

LOMA PRIETA — After serving faithfully for six years, Pastor Fred Howe has resigned this Assembly to enter the evangelistic field. The new pastor is Wesley Rouse, third year student at Bethany Bible College.

MOUNT SHASTA — Reverend William Austin recently resigned the pastorate of this Assembly and he is now ministering at Tullake. Reverend Arlin Barrow is the new pastor at Mount Shasta.

NORTH FORK — Pastor Edward Bodenhofer submits the following report of recent activities in this Assembly: "On Sunday, June 27, Ovid Dillingham, Missionary to India, was with us in all day services. Dinner at the lake was followed by a water baptismal service in which eight converts followed the Lord. Our peak attendance at Sunday school at that time was 108. On June 3rd the Sectional WMC rally was held here with Robert Thomas as the speaker. In May we enjoyed a two-week revival with Evangelist Sherman Cox of Lebanon, Missouri.

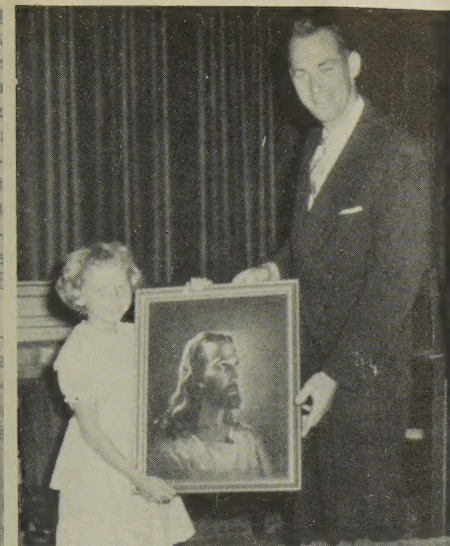
ORLAND — Pastor Bob Robertson reports "We have had a two-week revival with Brother and Sister Jack Little from Lakefork, Idaho. The Lord blessed wonderfully and a number were saved or reclaimed and our Sunday school attendance was increased. Several new families came in during this revival and our own people were refreshed with the blessing of the Lord.

OAKLAND (Calvary Temple) — A recent special project in this Assembly was a boys and girls Rally Week conducted by Charles and Irene Senechal. The meetings precipitated hearty interest and gratifying response. The pastor is Oliver L. Foth.

SACRAMENTO (Capitol) — Pastor Walt Boring reports the recent purchase of a second bus. It is a thirty-five passenger, Twin Coach. The Assembly each week hauls about 70 passengers, including several adults.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings) — Recent special guest speakers and musicians have included: Phil Kerr, Alan McGill, the Courier's Quartett, the Samoan Christian Singers, Arnie Hartman, and the Spencer Family. There have been 13 persons baptised in water in recent services most of whom were new converts of the past few weeks. At least one of these candidates has since been baptised in the Holy Spirit.

OROVILLE — The Assembly reports outstanding results in two recent revival meetings. Pastors W. T. Scott and Gene Scott write: "Evangelist Bruce Warner conducted a Youth Emphasis Revival and through his anointed ministry the spiritual tide of our young people reached new



Pastor Reuben Wilson presenting a prize picture to Judy Fishback of the Colusa Assembly Sunday school. Judy had attained a perfect score in the six-point record system throughout the seven weeks of the Spring Loyalty Campaign, and in addition had brought nine visitors.

heights. Then on June 27th we concluded an unusual revival with Willard and Verna Cantelon. The Lord honored the inspired preaching of Brother Cantelon and scores of new people were either saved or contacted in this meeting. Overflow crowds packed the church each night. We are rejoicing and thanking God for what He has done for us in these meetings."

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — A project of unusual success recently conducted in this Assembly was a Daily Vacation Bible School which met from 7:00 to 9:00 in the evening. The program was of interest to the entire family for in addition to classes for boys and girls and teen-agers, there was also a DVBS workshop for adults. The attendance and interest was most gratifying and it is likely that a project of this nature will become an annual event in Calvary Temple.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO — Pastor Carl Curtright reports: "We have recently had sixteen weeks of successful revival. The following evangelists contributed to this move as we sought God: Evangelist and Mrs. Johnny Robinson, George Hayes, Evangelist and Mrs. John McPherson, The Roper Evangelistic Party, Sister Hildreth Ethridge, and the Pastor himself. Several were saved, some were filled with the Spirit, and a number were added to the Sunday school."

WILLOW CREEK — Pastor C. Fredrick Rowe reports a splendid growth in attendance in this Assembly during the past year of his pastorate. Brother Rowe is particularly grateful to God for a recent revival meeting conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Donel Leach. He says, "God really blessed their ministry to this church. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and about fifteen were baptised in water."

SUTTER CREEK — Pastor C. H. Savage reports a recent revival with the Darden family that was a real blessing to the church. The Assembly plans to begin the construction of a new church building soon and the Pastor requests prayer for Divine guidance and help in this effort.

Personal Mention

Evangelist **ERLING SAXELID** of Ceres, California, reports that he is in a tent meeting at Luling, Louisiana.

Evangelist and Mrs. **THOMAS B. DON CARLOS** send word that they plan to be in California soon. For three years they have been traveling throughout the continent in evangelistic meetings and have been north into Canada and south to Cuba.

Home missionary **A. R. FOSTER** reports that he is now ministering in Ajo, Arizona. There are 1,200 Indians in the town and the attendance in their Sunday school averages 40.

EUNICE LINDVALL has recently returned from travelling in meetings in Mexico with Sister **STEELBERG Sr.** and Sister **ELSIE ISENSEE**. Sister Lindvall reports that the meetings were profitable and that several were saved and others reached with the Gospel for perhaps the first time.

NEW ARRIVALS

Little **Deborah Arlene Cunningham** arrived at the home of Reverend and Mrs. **Lynn Cunningham** on Tuesday, June 8. Deborah weighed 7 pounds, 5½ ounces.

On Saturday, June 19, **Mary Louise Wilson** joined the family of Pastor **Reuben Wilson Jr.** of Colusa. Mary weighed just under 7 pounds, 2 ounces but she is thriving nicely and proving a joy to the hearts of her parents.



Silas H. Jones, together with his wife, has been conducting some exceptionally fine revivals in our District. Brother Jones graduated from G. T. B. I. in 1948 but for several years he ministered in the East and South. This past March the Jones' returned to the District and in the intervening months they have ministered at Tuolumne, Klamath, Berkeley, Daly City, and Oakland. In each case pastors report splendid meetings and there has been frequent mention of the anointed singing of the Jones. Their new address is 1026 Heart Street, Berkeley 2, California.

FOR SALE

Lovely site in Bethany Park. An area, much of it level, of one and one-quarter acres at the foot of the spur road off Bethany Loop. Beautifully wooded with Redwoods. Inquire care of *Glad Tidings* Editor.

The educated man who lacks character labors under a heavier handicap than the uneducated man who has integrity.
—Selected.

Mother Mary Converse of 1419 Scenic Drive, Modesto, has recently resigned her post as Missionary Secretary of Bethel Church, fifteenth and G Streets, Modesto. Sister Converse had served in the position since 1923 — a total of 31 consecutive years. During her term in office she wrote literally thousands of letters to missionaries all over the world. Ill health has made the resignation necessary. Pastor Donald Weston expressed deep regrets upon her resignation and on behalf of the church presented her with a lovely pen and pencil set. Sister Converse leaves a record of exemplary faithfulness to God, to missions, to her church, and to her pastor. We join with Brother Weston in saying, "God give us more lay workers as faithful as Sister Converse."

Our Almighty Friend

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illusioned ere now, since the world was never so cultured, neither was it ever in such a hopeless mess. With its tremendous war potential geared to scientific barbarism, men's hearts are "failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

Humanistic liberalism has bred and fostered a false optimism in our times that has narrowed the gap between Christendom, so-called, and the world. It finds little place for supernaturalism in the church, or for demonism in the course of this world. Black is no longer black and white is not really white, but everything is dull gray. Religion and irreligion can fraternize since there is nothing essentially wrong with the world. All that is necessary is to cultivate the goodness that is inherent in the brotherhood. This grandiose, flesh-pleasing, cross-rejecting fallacy is basically responsible for the powerless religion in our day, and, for the friendship that is accorded it by the world which is still the avowed enemy of Christ and His redeemed church which in some measure shares His nature and attributes.

Right thinking persons will not question the modern trend toward the best possible in intellectual development, yet all too few vision the subtle danger involved in this mass movement. Any improvement in the realm of nature, that is not balanced by grace and becoming humility, will only strengthen and embellish self-sufficiency and independence of God, and thus place another hurdle in the path of those who would find their way to life and liberty, at the humbling cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. May I insist again for the sake of emphasis, no Christian in his right mind is opposed to the highest culture, but redeemed and spirit-illuminated will stand as one against Godless pretentious paraders of paganism's dark night, in the name of higher learning.

Having gone too far afield in these foundational remarks to allow for sufficient attention to our own early struggles with strong counter-currents, we must leave this for another day. But before bringing these remarks to a close we shall look a little further at the unseen forces, shameful and wicked, or glorious and holy, to which the sons of men are continually exposed. It certainly is not pleasing to God that the Christian church is becoming more and more reticent about exposing and challeng-

ing the shameful, spiritual wickedness that is corrupting and threatening our civilization.

We should not forget the tragedy in the first home, nor overlook the seductive responsible agent. The first blood shed in history is another case in point. "*Cain was of that wicked one and slew his brother.*" The audacity of the old deceiver was manifested in his protracted efforts to make a deal with Jesus, offering him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, on easy terms. When Judas was about to perform the most dastardly and hypocritical act of the ages, we read that "*the Devil entered into him.*" Should it not put the fear of God in men when they read in the word of truth, that "*the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the glorious light of the Gospel of Christ who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*" Who among mortals can reasonably think himself sufficient in a world where there are "*seducing spirits and doctrines of devils?*" It is the height of dare-devil recklessness when intelligent responsible people, deliberately leave themselves exposed to these strong and subtle enemies of God and man. It is the chief glory of men to submit themselves to God and resist the devil. Is it not therefore shameful when the objects of eternal love and grace, reversing the order, resist the Lord and yield to the devil? One thing should be crystal-clear to all who have pursued these lines with attention . . . everyone who is out of the ark of safety and away from the defensive shelter of the everlasting arms is not only living sinfully, he is living dangerously.

Pure and undefiled religion is spiritual in nature and essence. The birth of Emmanuel was both natural and supernatural — "*God manifest in the flesh.*" Here was the seed that would bruise the serpent's head; here was flesh apart from sin; here was the spotless lamb that could and would "put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." Having been made like his brethren, He was wholly dependent upon the ever blessed Spirit. It is thrilling and instructive to read "*how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil for God was with Him.*" His word was with power; He came to grips with the forces of evil and cast out the spirits with His word. Also He gave His disciples power "*above all the power of the enemy.*" By the

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Meet Our Presbyters

This month we present . . .



O. A. HART

Our Coast Counties Presbyter, Oral A. Hart, pastors the Northside Assembly of God in Salinas. Brother Hart is no stranger to this Section for he was presbyter from 1945 until 1950, but his present term of office began in January, 1953. Brother Hart has alternated his pastoral charges with periods of evangelistic ministry and he has an unusually varied background.

Our brother was converted in his early youth and he preached his first sermon in a Seattle rescue mission in 1932. After he had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit he was licensed by the Rocky Mountain District of the Assemblies of God and then in 1937, ordained. His earlier ministerial experience was on the evangelistic field, but he settled for two and one-half years to pastor in Bend, Oregon. From 1944 to 1950 he pastored in Pacific Grove and it was during that time that he was the Coast Counties presbyter and also a member of the Camp Committee.

From 1950 until 1952, Brother Hart once again ministered on the evangelistic field and travelled coast to coast and up into Canada. It was at the conclusion of this period that he accepted his present pastorate at Salinas.

The strength of Brother Hart's ministry lies particularly in his faithfulness to the Full Gospel testimony and his earnest appreciation and dedication to the old time Pentecostal message. He is a stable and dependable Christian whom fellow ministers and lay people alike heartedly appreciate and respect. Whether he be in the pulpit challenging men to a closer walk with God or in a business session planning the work of the kingdom Brother Hart is a man of God who contributes impressively to the cause of the Gospel.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Women on the

March at

Campmeeting

By Goldia Anderson

"The women of the United States gave \$486,000.00 for equipping our missionaries last year." Thus stated Sister Martha McLean, national field secretary for our WMC as she addressed a capacity prayer room audience on July 4th at Bethany Park.

"Amen" and "Praise the Lord" were frequent as reports were heard and displays seen. Many expressions of gratitude were uttered as people visited the display room and saw "mountains" of needlecrafts, rugs, quilts, and other handicraft that the various assemblies had sent to camp meeting for distribution.

Twelve workshops and fourteen missionary services were conducted. There were thirteen missionary fields represented as well as our home missionaries. "How-to-do-it" workshops were conducted during the afternoons and Sister Evelyn Sturgeon regularly demonstrated how to "can." Assistance was given to 13 foreign missionaries and 10 home missionaries for their personal and home needs.

Women of the WMC of our District are on the march. New ideas, new inspiration, and new challenges have been received during this camp season. Many new consecrations have been made and many have been stimulated to increased activity for our missionaries. By God's grace we purpose to "have a heart toward God and our hands toward man."



The shower for the Doyel McKays at Vallejo. Behind the table, decorated with tea towels and groceries, is WMC President, Phyllis Jones. Receiving a gift is Sister McKay with Brother McKay looking on. The three youngsters are Steven, Treava, and Richard. At the right, WMC Vice-President, Ruth Johnston, smiles her approval.

Phyllis Jones reports

VALLEJO WMC HOME MISSIONS SHOWER

Surely God has once more done exceedingly abundantly above what we could ask or think.

During this past April Gwen Parker, a member of the Assembly of God church in Jackson, California, visited us and told of the need of their pastors, Brother and Sister Doyel McKay. Sister Parker declared that she felt that the Vallejo First Assembly might be able to help. Our ladies met and discussed the matter and we too came to the conviction that we should do our part to fill the need. We voted to sponsor a food and clothing shower in the latter part of June and hence were left with two months to prepare.

We invited Brother and Sister McKay and their four children to our church for Tuesday, June 29. Pastor R. C. Jones brought a few words of welcome and the McKays responded and then we proceeded with the shower.

Our group had made a "pear tree" and we had collected fifty dollars in one dollar bills. The method of indicating how the money was to be spent was the special task of Sister Ruth Johnston, our Vice-President. To indicate that some money was for shoes she covered old shoes in men's and boys' sizes with dollar bills, money for new slacks she pinned to an old pair of work pants, and money for a new dress to an old one streaked with paint. There were complete

sets of clothing for everyone, plus extra shirts, underwear, jeans, and pants for the children. There was also a shortie coat for Sister McKay and several dresses for Treava, who is their seven-year-old daughter. The value of the food amounted to about thirty-five dollars.

We do give God the glory for enabling us to accomplish this ministry of love. Everyone who attended and had a part was soundly blessed and we trust we were of some measure of blessing to the McKays.



WMC officers, Ferne Murray and Goldia Anderson inspect the WMC display room at Camp meeting.

CURRENT SIGNS

Religious Awakening

The world circulated Intelligence Digest, edited by Kenneth DeCourcy, states that a religious awakening in America today has entirely changed public affairs. Since it is a Biblical revival, Mr. DeCourcy says it is deeply anti-communist in nature. He goes on to point out that 80% of the adult population in America are now associated with the church.

Other trends: Hollywood finds that religious films are greater box office attractions than any others; religious books sold three times more copies than all other books on all other subjects combined; no less than 200 Hollywood leaders attend a weekly prayer meeting; President Eisenhower has only missed attending church on Sunday four times since his inauguration; Cabinet meetings open with prayer; many senators attend devotional breakfast meetings; newspapers find a religious topic better headline news than an international crisis; radio and television sell an increasing amount of time to churches and campaigns connected with the church; theological colleges and seminaries are booked up years in advance; one famous college has refused 20,000 applicants.

\$2,000,000 for Story of Christ's Life

Producer Darryl F. Zanuck says he has paid a record sum of \$2,000,000 for screen rights to The Greatest Story Ever Told, the late Fulton Oursler's account of the life of Christ.

Twentieth Century-Fox studios, where Zanuck is production head, announced that the cumulative price was agreed upon in conferences between Zanuck and executors of Oursler's estate.

Oursler's book is reported to have sold more than 3,300,000 copies in the United States. It has been translated into 12 languages. Production of the picture is scheduled to start next year.

Christless Christians

"America is called a 'Christian' land, yet there are 10,000 villages that have no religious service of any kind, and 30,000 villages that have no resident pastor," states World Religious News. "According to Evangelism, there are 6,000 closed rural churches in America. Two out of every three children in America are not in Sunday School."

Criminals Cost

It is estimated that the average criminal in the United States costs in taxes during his criminal career enough money to run a Sunday School of 100 pupils for ten years.

Liquor Versus Religion

The American people are spending twice as much per minute for liquor as they are for religious, charitable, and educational institutions, according to the Family Economics Bureau of the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company. During 1953, Americans contributed \$8,500 a minute in religious, charitable, and educational donations and spent \$17,000 a minute for alcoholic beverages.

Our Almighty Friend

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eternal Spirit He offered Himself without spot to God. His death was at once most shameful, and most glorious, since by His cross He triumphed over death and hell and carried away the keys *"far above all principality and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come."*

Perhaps the reader will remember the prophetic words of John the Baptist *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after me is mightier than I whose shoes I am not worthy to bear, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."*

Immediately after His resurrection the blessed, all-glorious Jesus gave His disciples a refresher course about the promised baptism of power and said, *"Not many days hence."* Again just before He was parted from them and carried up into Heaven, He commanded them to wait in the city of Jerusalem until they were *"endued with power from on high."*

The fulfillment of this promise marked the birthday of the distinctively New Testament Church. The Spirit fell upon them — filled them — they were overwhelmed by and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Their amazed countrymen from many lands, marvelled that Galileans could speak in their tongues but the real wonder was, that these ordinary men with a history of sin, were filled with and brought completely under the control of this Holy and extraordinary power. On this day and on this phenomenal pattern our highly exalted

Our Most Lamentable Failure

Dr. Billy Graham says, "To date we have failed. After 50 generations, only 35 per cent of the people on earth have heard the Gospel. Many of us have aimed the wrong way.

"I know of one church which spent more than \$500,000 in a building program in four years. During the same time it spent only \$15,000 for foreign missions. Think of the thousand tribes with no missionary! and the 1,700 languages and dialects with nary a single word of Scripture! See the millions upon millions dying without Christ! From around the world one can almost hear these lost people crying to us, 'Hurry, hurry, we are perishing without the gospel. Come and help us.'"

Lord launched His little flock on a spiritual crusade that was to reach the uttermost part of the earth and continue unto the end of the age.

This door to spiritual vitality and reality in God is still open to believers — all believers. There is no reason for excusing our spiritual inertia by insisting that these pioneers of the cross-way of life were mighty men in their own right. These were "run of the mill" Christians, clothed upon with power from on high, and here is the single reason why they stand out as self-less, courageous and effective instruments of righteousness, whose standards and accomplishments still provide the greatest challenge to militant discipleship.

Our Lord is still on the throne and His compassions fail not. Redemption's price has been paid in full. Believing in His death and resurrection and accepting now His Lordship, the most unworthy may be lifted into realms of spiritual blessing and fruitfulness, to sing with the sanctified and blessed: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see!"

In closing, I would freely acknowledge that the Christian's enemies are strong. It is mistaken strategy to underestimate the strength of the enemy. But our Friend is almighty. *"He is able to save to the uttermost"* and to keep His beloved *"unspotted from the world."* Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."